



KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Kentucky State University Graduates 351 On May 9

This year KSU awarded 351 degrees at its 126th commencement convocation on May 9. Kentucky State Sen. Gerald A. Neal delivered the commencement speech to the graduates and before a capacity crowd.

During the commencement convocation, KSU President Raymond M. Burse described the graduating Class of 2015 and the university as multicultural, multinational and diverse. He cited that 62 percent of the graduates were female with 48 percent African-American. He also informed the audience that besides the United States, there were graduates from 12 different countries.

Also among the graduates was Alexander Davie, who was commissioned as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army ROTC. Three other KSU students were awarded degrees posthumously.



KSU President Raymond M. Burse (right) greets commencement speaker, State Sen. Gerald Neal.



Alexander Davie receives commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army ROTC.

KSU Appoints Dean Of University

Kentucky State University has appointed Dr. Lorna Shaw-Berbick as dean of the university, beginning May 26, 2015.

"On behalf of the university, I am excited to have Dr. Shaw-Berbick join our team," KSU President Raymond M. Burse said. "I am confident that she will greatly enhance our ability to move our faculty and university forward. Her demonstrated experience as an administrator and educational visionary as well as her ability to manage a budget makes her a great fit for Kentucky State University."

Shaw-Berbick has served as the dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y., where she managed a budget of about \$9 million and a full- and part-time faculty of more than 200 as well as 12 staff members. She also provided oversight of six departments and two programs.

Her professional experience also includes appointments at the American Intercontinental University in Weston, Fla., as director of institutional effectiveness and as campus ombudsman. During her tenure, she was active in standardizing academic affairs protocol, such as learning styles, student services procedures and admissions personnel training. At Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., she served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences as well as chair and associate professor. She successfully managed a \$1.5 million budget and directed college strategic planning and analysis in the College of Arts and Sciences.



New university dean, Dr. Lorna Shaw-Berbick, with President Burse

KSU Unveils Nation's First Fruit And Vegetable Mobile Processing Unit



Kentucky State University introduced the nation's first Fruit and Vegetable Mobile Processing Unit on May 14 at the Franklin County Farmers Market in Frankfort, Ky.

The processing unit is a certified mobile commercial kitchen that will enable farmers to process fresh fruits and vegetables into value-added products such as jams, jellies, pickles, salsa, and frozen bagged fruits and vegetables to be sold in local grocery stores and gift shops. It includes two sorghum evaporators for processing syrup and the capability to blast-freeze products.

It is the only mobile processing unit of its kind in the United States. It offers processing levels that are higher than that of a home-based processor, which means it will offer farmers a way to process and sell their goods at venues larger than local farmers markets. No goods will be sold from the unit itself.



A'moris Bodrick, an undergraduate student in the Agriculture, Food and Environment program, was one of 10 recipients of the 2015 Monsanto Fund 1890 Student Scholarship. Every year, approximately 25,000 agricultural jobs go unfilled due to a lack of qualified applicants. The Monsanto Scholarship recognizes high-achieving under-represented students pursuing degrees in agriculture and STEM-related fields through its scholarship programs.

Track Athletes And Coach Honored

The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association named two Kentucky State University track and field athletes to the All-South Region team.

Kieren Broussard (800-meter run) and Joscilyn Crain (discus throw, hammer throw) were among the top five individuals in their respective events to earn the distinction.

Broussard, the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference 800-meter champion, competed in the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships in late May. He had the 15th best time (1:52.36) in the preliminaries.

Crain was the SIAC hammer throw champion and placed second in the discus throw at the conference meet.

KSU's Antonio Wells was named the South Region Men's Assistant Coach of the Year. In his first year at KSU coaching mid-distance and jumps, he mentored Broussard and coached the 4x400 relay team to a school record and fourth-place finish at the SIAC meet.



Kieren Broussard